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In an attempt to fully comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the U.S. Patent Office the following references which were cited in corresponding European Applications:

US Patent No. 7,187,852
US Patent No. 6,381,398
US Patent No. 5,929,857
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A copy of the foreign reference and Form PTO-A820 are attached.

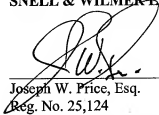
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If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

Very truly yours,

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